

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER

HINSDALE X-A000(426), 14540N RECONSTRUCTION – NH ROUTE 63 PUBLIC HEARING

March 7, 2007 -- HINSDALE HIGH SCHOOL -- 7:00 PM

The following decisions are the Department's resolution of issues as a result of the testimony presented at the March 7, 2007 Public Hearing and written testimony subsequently submitted for the Hinsdale X-A000(426), 14540N project described as:

This project involves reconstruction of NH 63 beginning at a point on NH 63, approximately 1,300 feet north of NH 119 / NH 63 intersection and continuing northerly along NH 63 approximately 2,200 feet to permanently fix the roadway adjacent to Kilburn Brook damaged by the October 9, 2005 floods. The project will restore the roadway to an 11-4 typical, which is 6 feet wider than the pre-existing condition, and construct retaining walls and place stone on the eroded slopes to stabilize the damaged areas adjacent to Kilburn Brook. Some minor alignment and profile adjustments are necessary to minimize impacts to adjoining properties and Kilburn Brook.

1. **The Selectboard of Hinsdale** expressed concern with the potential detouring of truck traffic from the project onto Old Chesterfield Road during construction. The Town plans on reconstructing Old Chesterfield Road during the summer of 2007.

Response: The Department will maintain at least one lane of traffic during the construction of the project. Old Chesterfield Road will not be indicated as a detour and the Contractor will be directed to avoid using it.

2. **Mr. Lewis Major, representing Mrs. Debra Carrier and Mr. Michael Carrier (parcel 24)** expressed concern that the proposed drainage outlet from the project area into Kilburn Brook is upstream of a private bridge to his daughter's home on parcel 24. He requested the drainage outlet be relocated downstream of the private bridge.

Response: The Department has reviewed the two possible locations of the outlet for the 18" drainage pipe, one upstream of the private bridge (proposed location) and one downstream of the private bridge (suggested location). The requested change to move the outlet of the drainage pipe downstream of the private bridge would involve more impacts to parcel 24, as the drainage pipe would need to cross the private drive and an additional drainage basin would be required adjacent to the drive. The change would require 70 feet of additional drainage pipe and results in 50 feet less water quality treatment between the outlet and Kilburn Brook. Locating the drainage outlet above the bridge would not add significantly to the flow or compromise the functionality of the private bridge. Therefore, the Department does not propose to modify the proposed drainage outlet.

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3. **Mr. Chris Dominique and Mrs. Jennifer Dominique (parcel 27)** requested complete acquisition of their property due to the impacts of the project on their parcel.

Response: The Department agrees to the acquisition of parcel 27, once layout approval is received for the project. The concerns expressed by the property owners regarding safety and the issues of construction, including ledge removal, in such close proximity to the home are recognized. Following the appraisal of the property to determine fair market value, the Department will proceed as expeditiously as possible with negotiating the purchase of the property.

4. **Ms. Myrna Fosburgh (parcel 23)** expressed concerns with the location of her property line adjacent to the Smith property.

Response: The Department has reviewed the location of the property line in question. The location as depicted at the Public Hearing is based on the best information available to the Department. The Department would review any additional information that Ms. Fosburgh or her real estate agent may have showing a different location.

5. **Ms. Myrna Fosburgh (parcel 23)** expressed concerns that the roadway runoff will cross her driveway and fill-in her stairwell just downhill of the driveway.

Response: The Department will review the drainage flow in this area during the final design process of the project in an effort to address the concerns expressed.

6. **Ms. Myrna Fosburgh (parcel 23)** requested advance notice of the demolition of the Smith building due to a health concern regarding asbestos material.

Response: The Department will inform Ms. Fosburgh in advance of the demolition of the Smith property as requested.

7. **Ms. Myrna Fosburgh (parcel 23)** requested a cautionary sign for “Hidden Drive” or “Person Crossing” due to the speed in which traffic passes by her house.

Response: The Department will review the sight distance associated with the roadway improvements to see if a cautionary sign is appropriate. The Department will again review the concern once the project is completed.

DATE: _____

s/s on file
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of Transportation